GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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PENDING PROPOSALS FOR SETTING UP OF SUGAR MILLS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals from Maharashtra pending for setting up sugar mills alongwith the details thereof;

(b) the number of mills that are in the primary stage of being set up i.e. where only production is to begin; and

(c) the time by when these pending proposals would be approved?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (S SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) to(c):- The sugar industry has been delicensed with effect from 11.09.1998. The entrepreneurs are now free to set up new sugar factories as per the techno-economic feasibility of their projects. However, in order to avoid unhealthy competition among sugar factories to procure sugarcane, a minimum distance of 15 Kms. would be required to be observed between an existing sugar mill and a new mill. As such, the question of approval of pending proposals does not arise.